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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1617
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 05725.1032-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Michel PHILIPPE et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1617
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Application No.: 10/086,248)	Examiner: T. CRIARES
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Filed: March 4, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 7789
)	
For: COSMETIC OR PHARMACEUTICAL)	
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)	
HOMOPOLYMERS AND SALTS)	
THEREOF)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This reply is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2004.

Applicants note that since November 13, 2004, was a Saturday, this Reply filed November 15, 2004, the next succeeding business day, is timely. 35 U.S.C. § 21(b).

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Claims 2-13 and 18-27 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 14-17, and 28-30 are rejected. Applicants